Dalton Oct. 10 - 1853

Dear Mr Gray - Knowing the
deep and affectionate interest you
take in Mr Cutler, I send you
a letter I received yesterday from
his sister in law Mrs Batchelder
Miss Cutler's aunt, a very good
and pleasant woman. It is a
little shorter and quite unformal
but it portrays the present state
of his health & spirits so pleasantly
that I know it will gratify
you as much as it did my
wife and myself. Perhaps you
would like to come home &
to Mr Jackson's and send it back

if an opportunity offers at any time - but not by post.

I have been looking in vain for Solomon Northup and would like to have a word in addition to any other books I can refer you to lend me. I don't know whether any being on the book selling trade could entitle me to a reduction from the published price.

Perhaps you would be so kind as to order the Hon from Hon Davis for Alexanders Ireland, Esq. Manchester, Edited of the "Examiner & Times" one of the influential papers. the

has paid me for it & I will
credit you for the money.
He wishes to get the file
from the Government
Clerk who has charge of
the papers. He is for Woman
Rights & like all the rest
of his papers
The Lobsters in Lent
are cheap to day
& I am greatly obliged for
your attention
Yours truly
Neal Dow

MS. B. L. 6 v. 15, p. 12